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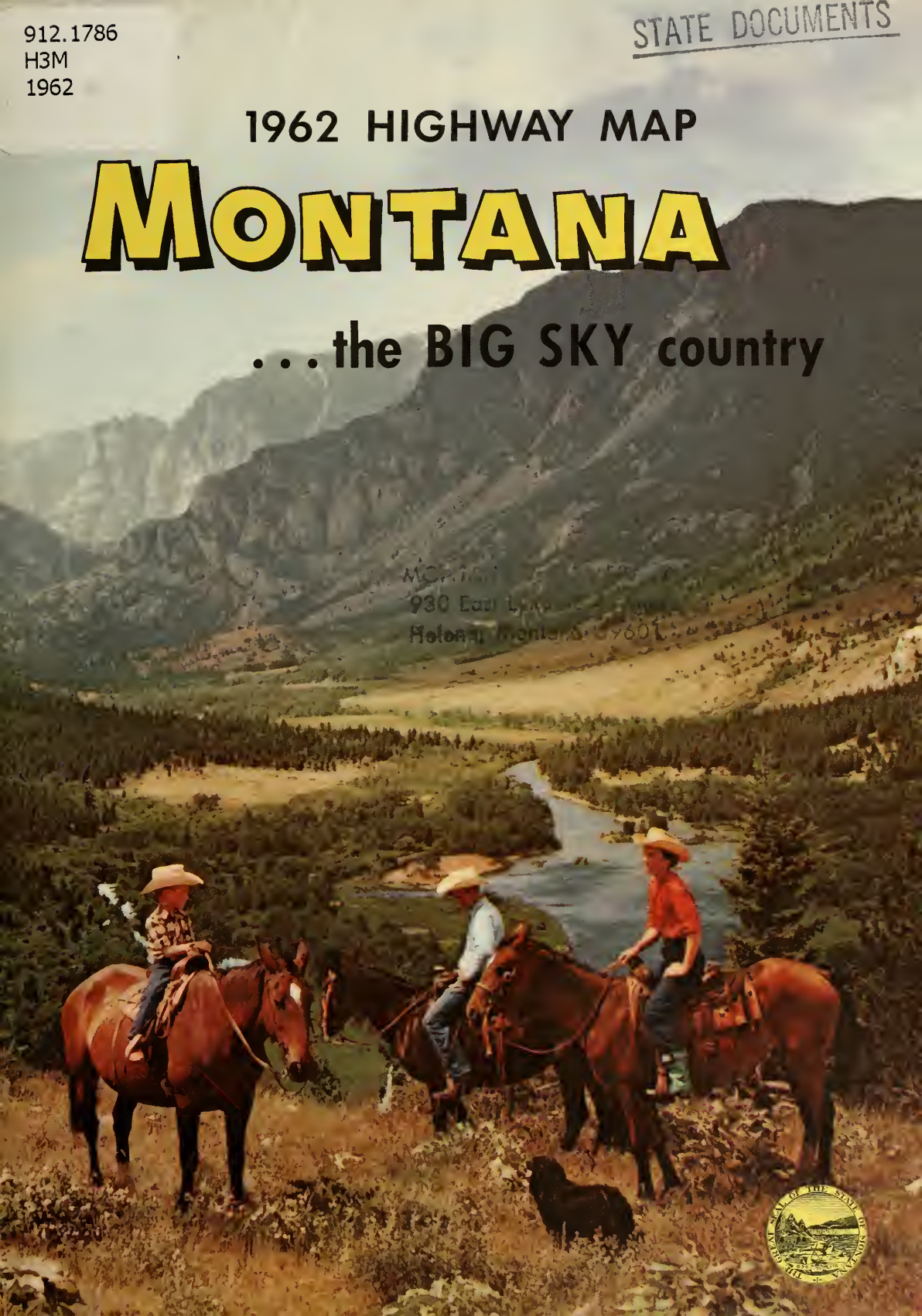


930 East
Helena, Montana 59601

The Western Meadowlark, State Bird

The Bitterroot, State Flower

The Ponderosa Pine, State Tree

The State Flag bearing the State Seal with the motto, "Oro Y Plata" —Gold and Silver

THE TREASURE STATE

Montana, for centuries the home of Indians and buffalo, was first seen by white men—the Verendryes, French fur-traders—in 1743.

In 1805-06 Lewis and Clark explored the area, then part of the Louisiana Territory.

In 1807 Manuel Lisa, a fur-trader, built Montana's first trading post.

The first permanent white settlement was St. Mary's Mission, founded in 1841.

In 1862 a rich gold strike at Bannack brought a rush of prospectors. With gold discoveries at Virginia City and Helena, thousands more followed. Outlaws flourished in the surging gold camps until the Vigilantes organized and dispensed justice.

The great cowboy era began in 1866 when the first herd of longhorn cattle was trailed in from Texas.

The growing intrusion of white men into the Indians' homeland, the disappearance of buffalo and failure of white men to keep their treaties, brought the Indian wars of the '60's and '70's. Custer's Last Stand occurred in 1876. A year later the major battles ended with Chief Joseph's surrender at the Battle of the Bear's Paw.

The fourth largest state, Montana averages 550 miles in length and 275 miles in width. The Continental Divide runs north and south through the western section. The highest point is Granite Peak, 12,799 feet; the lowest is 1,820 feet on the Kootenai River at the Idaho line.

Climate varies with topography and altitude. Average annual rainfall throughout the state is 15″ which varies from a minimum 9.69″ to over 100″ on some mountain tops. Average daytime temperatures vary from an average 28°F in January to 84.5° in July.

Nine railroads, 11 bus lines and 4 air lines serve Montana; 7,403 miles of paved highways cross the state.

Vast lands suited to agriculture, fine native grasses, water, minerals and timber are Montana's most valuable resources.

The value of income from farms and ranches totals nearly $500,000,000 annually. Farms and ranches total 64 million acres. Major crops are wheat, hay, barley, sugar beets, corn, oats, potatoes, safflower, alfalfa seed, mustard seed, flaxseed and beans. Principal livestock are cattle (about 2,200,000) and sheep (about 1,700,000).

Leading minerals are copper, petroleum, zinc, lead, silver, vermiculite, chrome, manganese, phosphate rock and coal. Annual production averages about $200,000,000 chiefly from copper and petroleum products.

Montana has 22,400,000 acres in timber—ponderosa and lodgepole pine, western larch, fir and spruce. Four million Christmas trees are cut each year. The annual value of forest products is about $90,000,000.

Electric power comes from numerous dams and steam generating plants. Major dams are Fort Peck and Hungry Horse. Preliminary construction has started on Yellowtail Dam near Hardin.

Manufacturing includes refining of copper, zinc, aluminum and petroleum; production of elemental phosphorus, production of wood products, production of cement, sugar refining and flour milling. The value of all manufactured products approximates $200,000,000 annually.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Wherever you may be in Montana, on-the-spot information is conveniently available to you when you stop at a local Chamber of Commerce office. These people are interested in providing you with timely, reliable information about local highlights.

For additional Montana vacation information write to the Advertising Department, Montana Highway Commission, Helena, Montana.

The State Capitol at Helena, built in 1899, 10 years after Montana became the 41st state.

Welcome to Montana!

Montana is one of those delightful states which travelers "discover" and return often to explore.

The Indians called Montana the "Land of Shining Mountains." Watch the reflection of the sun on the snow-covered mountain peaks and you understand why.

Fine authors too have been stirred by the beauty of Montana's spectacular mountain ranges and the vastness of its plains. One calls Montana "High, Wide and Handsome." Another sees it as the land of "The Big Sky." Both are apt descriptions.

Montana is the site of three of the nation's most famous travel attractions . . . Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks and the Custer Battlefield National Monument. It also is blessed with thousands of miles of trout fishing streams and an abundance of game animals, making it a favorite of fishermen and hunters everywhere.

You'll find Montanans a warm, hospitable people who are proud of their state and who take sincere pleasure in acquainting visitors with it. I join them in inviting you to vacation with us often

Sincerely,

Donald G. Nutter

Donald G. Nutter
Governor of Montana

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AND SAFETY RULES

1 Montana speed limits Daylight reasonable and prudent speed; 55 miles per hour during the hours when lights are required, except where zoned and posted Trucks in excess of 8,000 pounds gross weight 50 miles per hour Vehicles towing house trailers 50 miles per hour. Speed limit on roads under construction 35 miles per hour

2 Vehicles entering main highways from side road or drive must yield right-of way to vehicles traveling main highways

3 Vehicles must drive to right of center line at all times except when passing another car Never pass on hills or curves Be sure you can see far enough ahead to make a safe passing

4 Proper signal must be given when passing another vehicle, changing direction, stopping or slowing down on the highway Sound horn to warn the car ahead you are going to pass; left turn, left hand and arm extended horizontally, right turn, left hand and arm extended upward, stop or slow down, left arm extended downward Electrical turn indicators are legal

5 Obey all warning signs, such as School Zone, Stop, Slow, Danger, Curve, Yield Right-of Way, and others

6 Never drive at a speed greater than that at which you can stop in the clear road visible ahead Slow down at night or when the road is wet or icy

7 When approaching another car from either the front or rear, dim your lights, don't be afraid to dim first Courtesy promotes safety

8 Slow down when approaching any child, pedestrian, bicycle, livestock, parked car, or other obstruction of the highway Be prepared for the unexpected

9 Don't stop or park on the main-traveled portion of the highway, especially on hills or curves Pull out on the shoulder It's safer for you and other cars

10 Accidents resulting in death, personal injury, or property damage of an apparent extent of $100 or more requires immediate notification to Sheriff, Police or Highway Patrol by quickest means of communication. This notice must be followed by a written report to Montana Highway Patrol Board, Helena, Montana within ten days

11 When approaching school busses loading or unloading school children, drivers must stop and not proceed until school bus resumes motion.

12 Littering highways prohibited HELP KEEP MONTANA CLEAN

13 PREVENT FOREST FIRES USE YOUR ASH TRAY.

14 During the forest fire season every vehicle going into forested areas must be equipped with a serviceable shovel, axe, and bucket, except when traveling numbered state and federal highways

TIPS FOR TRAILER OWNERS

Montana highway regulations provide that no combination of auto and trailer shall exceed 60 ft. in length, or 96 in. in total outside width, or 13 ft. 6 in. in height except with permit Trailers should carry red lights to the rear, green, amber or white lights to the front and amber side lights The speed limit for vehicles towing house trailers is 50 miles per hour No person shall occupy a house trailer while it is being moved upon the highway

Principal mountain passes in Montana are

Lookout Pass U. S. 10 at Montana-Idaho border El. 4,726 Oiled, water stops

MacDonald Pass U. S. 12 west of Helena El. 6,325 Oiled, water stops

Pipestone Pass –U. S. 10 east of Butte El. 6,418 Oiled, water stops

Bozeman Pass –U. S. 10 east of Bozeman El. 6,002 Oiled

Marias Pass U. S. 2 west of East Glacier, El. 5,216 Oiled, water stops

Logan Pass Glacier Park's Going-to-the-Sun Highway El. 6,664 Oiled Not advised for large trailers

Beartooth Pass—Red Lodge Yellowstone Highway, U. S. 212 El. 10,940 Oiled Not advised for large trailers

Kings Hill– U. S. 89 north of White Sulphur Springs El. 7,389 Part not oiled

Elk Park Pass U. S. 91 northeast of Butte El. 6,372 Oiled, water stops

Monida Pass U. S. 91 at Montana-Idaho border El. 6,823 Oiled Easy grade

Targhee Pass U. S. 191, 20 and Montana 287 at Montana Idaho border, El. 7,078 Oiled Easy grade

Lost Trail Pass– U. S. 93 at Montana Idaho border El. 6,990 Oiled

Pass Montana 43, southeast of Lost Trail, Pass El. 7,241 Not oiled, Not advised for trailers

Rogers Pass Montana 20 East of Lincoln El. 5,609 Oiled

Skalkaho Pass Montana 38 east of Hamilton El. 7,258 Not oiled Not advised for trailers

Raynolds Pass—Montana 287 south of Ennis, El. 6,834 Oiled Easy grade

MONTANA ROADS OPEN FOR WINTER TRAVEL

Modern maintenance equipment enables Montana to keep all primary roads (shown in red) open during winter months except for very short periods during or immediately after a severe storm Make local inquiry regarding conditions during storms Carry chains and a shovel Reduce speed

All main highway passes are kept open all winter Passes that are closed to traffic for several months are

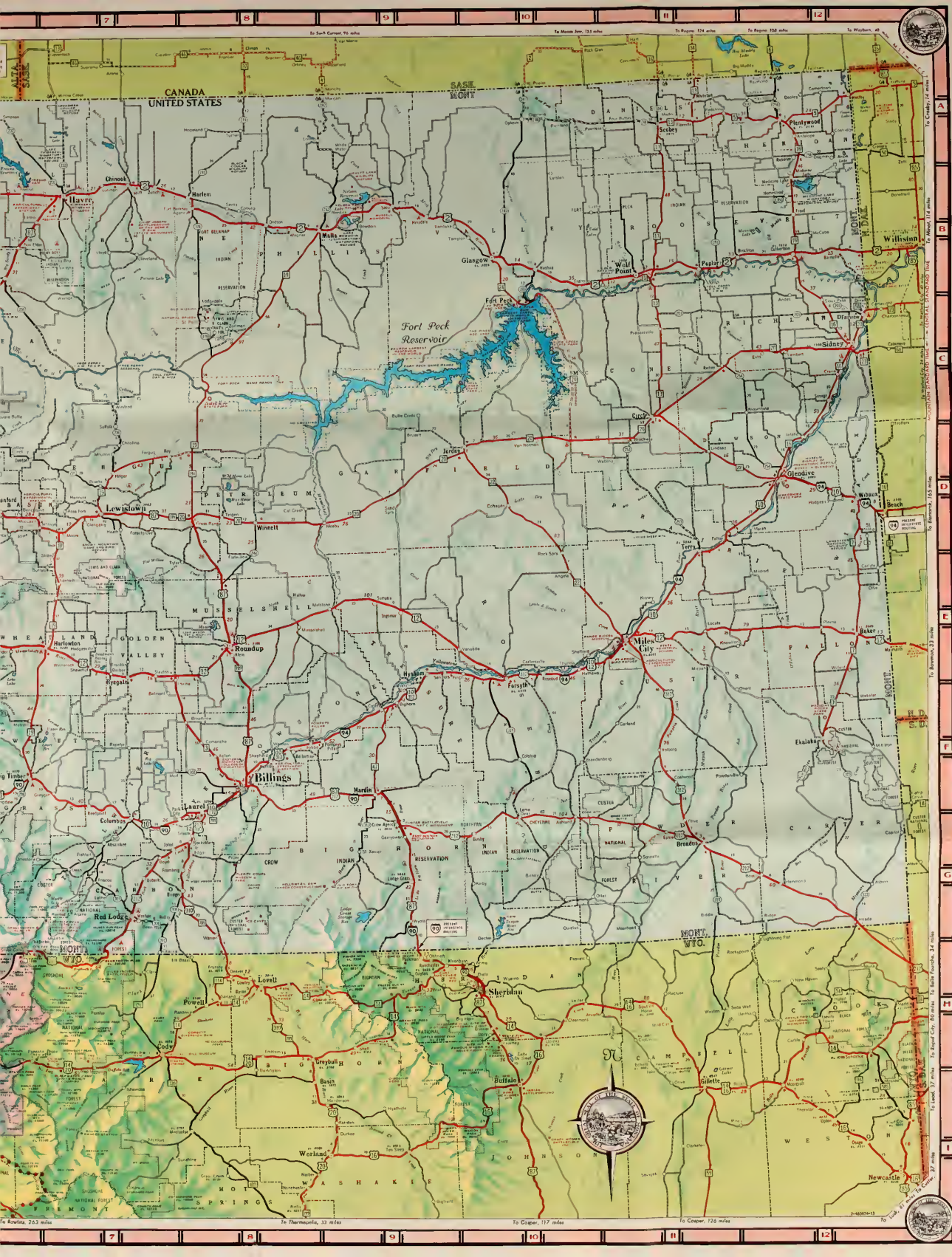
Beartooth Pass on U. S. 212, from 12 miles south of Red Lodge over Beartooth Plateau to Cooke City

Skalkaho Pass on Montana 38 between Anaconda and Hamilton.

Pass on Montana 43 between Wisdom and junction with U. S. 93

Logan Pass in Glacier National Park, closed from about Oct. 15 to June 1

Yellowstone National Park roads subject to closure after Oct. 31, except for Gardiner-Cooke City road via Mammoth which remains open year around



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Capital Helena

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GLACIER
NATIONAL PARK

Over a million acres of scenic grandeur Glacier National Park lies in a rugged section of the Montana Rockies. Here are more than fifty glaciers, two hundred sparkling lakes, forests of fragrant evergreens, fields of mountain wildflowers, wildlife of many varieties and miles of good fishing streams.

Going-to-the-Sun Road, a spectacular 50-mile drive running east and west through the park, crosses the Continental Divide at Logan Pass. Lofty peaks, sheer cliffs, crystal waterfalls, dense forests, distant glaciers, meadows of brilliant blossoms, shimmering lakes, inquisitive bears and proud mountain goats make up its changing panorama.

Much of the park is accessible by auto and more than a thousand miles of horseback and foot trails lead deep into untouched wilderness. Many of the glaciers can be visited readily and the park features excellent fishing (no fishing license is required). Saddle horses are available; riding experience is unnecessary.

Warm sunny days and cool, starry nights are the rule throughout the summer. Early season visitors find waterfalls at their most glorious and mountain peaks still covered with winter snows. In the fall, deciduous trees display brilliant colors, highest peaks glisten with their first white dusting of snow and skies deepen to a startling blue.

Going-to-the-Sun Road, open about the first week in June, remains open well into October. All year around accommodations are conveniently located on the park's fringes. Accommodations in the park are available from June 1 to September 15.

The park, established by Congress May 11, 1910, is the U.S. section of Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park.

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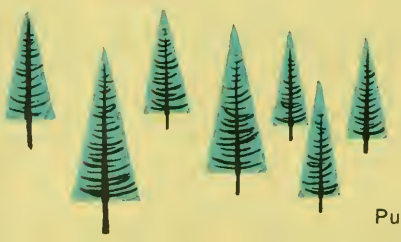

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